

Cambridge Pubs and Breweries: a Scrapbook 1897 to 1990

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Cambridge Pubs and Breweries 1888-1990

1888

Wrestlers Inn, Petty Cury demolished [2.13]

1889 c

Sir – my father, J.R. Bennett, a master builder, constructed a chimney for the Star Brewery at Newmarket Road, Cambridge. Boy-like I used to play round the site and one day about 1889, when the work was almost complete, he made me climb the ladders up the scaffolding and stand on the extreme summit, saying ‘You will be the only one who will ever stand there’ – G.A. Bennett, Wisbech. 56 08 20

1889 04 19

Frederick Bailey sells Star brewery to Charles Armstrong, late of Scarsdale brewery, Chesterfield. Bailey built up concern, managed it for 50 years & made it the largest of its kind in the county [3.5]

1895

When Mr Plumb became landlord of The Prince of Wales pub, Gwydir Street in 1895 the tailors and shoemakers always used to observe ‘Saint Monday’ and never worked that day. It was common for them to spend the whole time in the bar from early morning until 11 pm. And unless they had two or three sing-songs a week a house was ‘not in it’. During the Great War when beer was rationed he had to go out during the day to avoid the crowds who wanted the beer he could not supply them with. When the brewers’ drays arrived with fresh supplies they were besieged 36 12 10j

1897 03 04

Mr B.W. Beales has the pleasure to announce that he has disposed of the business carried on for many years by him as a brewer and wine and spirit merchant at the Panton Brewery in this town, to Messrs Harold Barber Bailey (son of the late Mr Frederick Bailey, of Burleigh House, Newmarket Road) and Herbert Hazeldine Tebbutt, the continuing partner in the late firm of Robinson & Tebbutt, and the business will in future be carried on by these gentlemen under the style of Bailey & Tebbutt CDN c 4.3.1897

1897 07 23

The Red Cow public house and premises adjoining in Guildhall-street, Cambridge, belonging to Mrs Charles Armstrong and forming three frontages are to be rebuilt in red brick and stone from designs by Messrs Rowe & Scott, architects. Mr Armstrong is about to sell to the Corporation a piece of the site to widen Guildhall-street, which will be a public advantage and the erection of these buildings will greatly improve the neighbourhood c1897 07 23

1897 08 02

Messrs Gain, Moyes and Wisbey offered for sale the Shakespeare Brewery, Newmarket-road, Cambridge and 15 freehold licensed inns, public houses and beerhouses. Lots commenced at £500 and rose rapidly - in the case of the Red Bull, Barton Road to £2,050. Other prices included The Shakespeare Brewery and Inn (£2,000), The Greyhound, Lt Wilbraham (£800), The Bakers' Arms, Fulbourn (£950), The Railway Inn, Harlton (£725) and The Cherry Tree beerhouse, Swaffham Fen (£600) 1897 08 02 CDN

1898 07 11

Messrs Green, Moyes and Wisbey attended the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, and offered by auction several beerhouses. The Lion and Lamb at Denver sold for £765. The Queen's Head at Hilgay realised £510. Lot three was the freehold beer house known as the Volunteer, Mildenhall which, together with a cottage, realised £710. The Swan beerhouse Isleham realised £460. The last lot was the fully licensed freehold public house in East Road, Cambridge known by the sign of the Red Lion. The bidding

started at £600, and ultimately reached £975 at which figure it was disposed of. The prices realised are considered very satisfactory by the vendors CDB 1898 07 11

1898 09 23

Rose, Rose Crescent licence not renewed CDN 1898 09 23 & 24th

1899 08 23

Albert Hart applied for a licence for 'The Sirdar', Market St, Cambridge. The place had been largely patronised but he laboured under a disadvantage of not being able to provide his customers with spirits or beers. The fashion of drinking wine in the middle of the day had been discountenanced for many years past by doctors and everybody that went to a place for lunch required spirits or soda water. He had to send out for such drinks to some public house in the vicinity. The money had to be extracted from the customer who had to wait until his refreshments were brought to him through the street. That was not an advantage to the liquor itself, especially with the dust flying about and the intense heat of the sun 1899 08 23

1899 12 08

New Hotel, "Fleur-de-Lis", Humberstone road, Chesterton. This first-class hotel is now open and replete with every comfort. Billiards room in course of erection. Gentlemen visiting the hotel will find the Smoke Room fitted with every comfort – advert 1899 12 08

1900 09 02

Cambridge magistrates received a petition against renewal of the licence of the Windmill public house in Mill Road. Frederick Hodson considered the neighbourhood was overcrowded with them. Mr Papworth said he had visited the house on many occasions but never seen more than two people at the bar at a time. Freeman & Sons, brewers and owners said the house was in a bad state and had been closed for repairs, not because there was no trade. They had no right to take away the licence even if the tenant only sold a barrel of beer a week. Albert Brand, the new tenant said business had trebled, 60 people patronised the house every day and last Saturday he had upwards of 100 customers. The licence was not renewed c00 09 29

1900 10 19

An appeal was heard against the refusal to grant a licence to the Windmill public house in Mill Road, Cambridge. It had good stabling and in fact was the only public house with stabling. It had been licensed since 1835 and had been thoroughly renovated. It was a labourer's house in a neighbourhood of labourers. A petition signed by 112 residents was opposed to the licence but another signed by 230 was in favour. The decision was reversed and the licence renewed c00 10 19

1901 03 19

A shocking accident occurred at the Panton Brewery, Cambridge, when one of the brewery employees lost his life. The man fell into the copper which contained a large quantity of boiling liquid and was frightfully scalded. He scrambled out as speedily as possible but even then it was seen that his injuries were so awful as to leave little hope of recovery. He died from shock the following morning. c01 03 19

1901 06 17

Messrs Sutton and Phillips, brewers' chemists of Stowmarket claimed £10 3s.6d. from the Rodney Brewery, Cambridge. They make Burton spring liquor and ask for a sample of the customer's brewing water which they analyse and make up a mixture to make it as near as Burton water as possible. If they did not subsequently receive an order they were to be paid for the analysis. Mr Swan for the brewery said they had never used the liquor and did not like trying those sorts of things. When he said the traveller could have a sample of water he had no idea he was to be charged with the analysis of it c01 06 17

1902

Anchor Brewery Quayside closed [16]

1902 01 20

Cambridge Star Brewery shareholders were told that the Directors had purchased the Fenstanton Brewery together with licensed premises and sundry private houses & cottages. That brewery has now been closed. On the whole the accounts were extremely satisfactory. Going back to the first report of the company in 1892 the assets had been increased by nearly £18,000 CDN 1902 01 20

1902 10 03

Earl Grey's Public House Trust movement is spreading to Cambridgeshire. Moderate temperance advocates see in a public house specially organised to push the sale of food and non-intoxicants, but supplying drink to those who desire it, one of the best and most certain means of lessening the terrible amount of excessive drinking which unhappily prevails in this country. The managers have absolutely no financial interest in the sale of drink which strikes at the root of an abuse which goes on far too extensively – the supplying with drink of men, who if not absolutely drunk, have obviously had more than is good for them. CDN 1902 10 03

1902 11 29

The well-known fully-licensed Hoop Hotel, Bridge Street, Cambridge was offered to public auction. The establishment has had a long career, having been established in 1729, and was referred to by Wordsworth – “And at ‘The Hoop’ alighted, Famous Inn”. Bidding commenced at £2,000 and rose to £4,000 at which figure the property was withdrawn. c02 11 29

1903 08 11

Falcon Inn Yard, Petty Cury demolished Our attention has been drawn to the fact that another link with the fascinating past of Cambridge is being severed by the almost entire demolition of the one-time famous ‘Falcon Inn’. Many years ago the front of the building, with its fine old gables facing Petty Cury, disappeared and about eight years ago the buildings on the left side of the Falcon Yard were demolished to make way for business extensions. Now the rooms on the right side are in process of demolition for extra accommodation for the Lion Hotel. The back part possessing a small specimen of the open gallery remains – CDN 11.8.03

1903 04 16

Magistrates considered the renewal of the licence of the Unicorn Inn, Trumpington. The accommodation consisted of three bedrooms, two were furnished and used by those living in the house. The third, the guest chamber, was at present bare. The Chairman: Poor guest. Mr Ralkes: He would be a very poor guest who came there. There was no stabling; the landlord did keep a pony and trap, but whether he kept them in the unfurnished room he did not know. (Laughter). It was difficult for a man to make a living there; the actual consumption of beer in the house per week was half a barrel. c03 04 16

1903 12 03

Some 20 years ago premises in Gwydir Street Cambridge were used as a brewery; they became dismantled but now through the enterprise of Mr Frederick Dale it has been converted to an up-to-date brewery where beer made from pure malt and hops will be manufactured. Its speciality will be family pale ales and nourishing or invalid stout, an article a small brewer seldom undertakes to manufacture. Messrs Adlam of Bristol have installed the most improved machinery and the most up-to-date methods are employed. 03 12 03

1904

death of William Warboys, brewer, Sturton St [3.23]

1904 02 05

Samuel Bell of the Brookfield beer house, Cambridge, applied for a full licence. It was in a growing neighbourhood, near the Saxon and Norman Cement Works where 300 men were employed. It was doing a good beer trade and he had received numerous applications for spirits. The nearest full licensed house was the Royal Standard, a quarter of a mile away. Two petitions had been extensively signed, some by people who were teetotalers. CDN c 5.2.1904

1904 02 17

The Cambridgeshire Public House Trust Association was registered in 1903 and has taken over the Tharp Arms Inn at Chippenham, the Duncombe Arms at Waresley with the George Inn, Babraham soon to follow. The movement was a commercial undertaking with a philanthropic end. They wanted to raise the tone of the public house and promote temperance. The managers obtain no benefit from the sale of alcoholic liquors but make a profit on non-intoxicants; hot soup is supplied and villagers seem to appreciate the change as more and more public houses are ready to supply non-alcoholic refreshments. CDN c 17.2.1904

1904 03 26

Cambridge Licensed Victuallers' Protection Association was started 14 years ago with 15 members and now they have 260. People must have drink in the shape of alcohol and they must have persons who would supply it. It was not always their fault if they got into trouble because it was impossible to see what every individual did who came into their house. But they failed to see why the persons who sat on the Bench and were known to be teetotalers should exercise their jurisdiction in dealing with licensed houses. There were people connected with the Trade quite as competent to act as magistrates who would not be so biased in favour of the Trade as the teetotalers were against it. CDN c 26.3.1904

1904 06 20

Sir – why was it necessary to have 20 drinking booths at Midsummer Fair? No reasonable person can contend they were all required. The licences have to be applied for and the magistrates appear to be too faint-hearted to deny one applicant what they grant to another. I am concerned that either through their negligence or the apathy of temperance people the annual pleasure fair should become a drinking debauch. There was practically a whole street of drinking saloons. Apart from their presence being a strong incentive to a serious amount of unnecessary drinking this is unfair to the public houses in the vicinity who would have done an increased trade in a legitimate way for a few days. – Disappointed - 1904 06 20

1905 03 13

Cambridge magistrates were told there were about 440 houses on the Rock Estate with one full-licenced house, the Rock Hotel and one off-licence. Either of these sent out beer to houses as ordered. There are also at least four brewers' vans to deliver beer in gallon jars and bottles, and grocers from Cambridge send up pint bottles. If they granted a new licence to William Conder of Marshall Road, which was a new and fairly populous district, it would lead to secret drinking, more especially by women at their homes. The licence was refused. 05 03 13a-c

1905 06 27

Sir – is it not about time that the annual Bacchanalian orgy known as Midsummer Fair was abolished? On Saturday night men, women and even children intoxicated by drink were behaving like maniacs. There were 14 tents for the supply of intoxicating liquors whilst behaviour in the dancing tents is indescribable. In one booth I saw two tiny mites whose mothers had given them too much to drink, for they were quite intoxicated and outside another I saw five perambulators standing unattended – A.J.L.B. 05 06 27a & b

1906 03 08

The Beehive public house, Honey Hill, Cambridge had four rooms on the ground floor, including a parlour and a taproom for the use of customers. There was a front entrance from Honey Hill and a side entrance which also gave access to four cottages. It was therefore impossible for the police to

maintain proper supervision as a constable would be seen going down there and people could slip out. There were 15 other public houses within 200 yards. Also: Golden Cross, Suffolk Hotel Grafton St, White Horse Coronation St, Sun in Sun St - The Beehive public house, Honey Hill, Cambridge had four rooms on the ground floor, including a parlour and a taproom for the use of customers. There was a front entrance from Honey Hill and a side entrance which also gave access to four cottages. It was therefore impossible for the police to maintain proper supervision as a constable would be seen going down there and people could slip out. There were 15 other public houses within 200 yards, Star in Castle St, Boot in King St 06 03 08c & d

1906 03 27

When Cambridgeshire magistrates started the task of extinguishing licences of public houses thought to be superfluous the offers of compensation were accepted in all but three cases. These were the Wait for the Bus at Bottisham, the Sir Harry Smith at Swavesey and the King's Head, Oakington, all owned by Hudson's Brewery of Pampisford. Now the Inland Revenue Commissioners have awarded larger sums for two, but reduced the amount offered for the Wait for the 'Bus from £355 down to £120. Now the brewery may appeal 06 03 27a

1906 06 30

Fourteen public houses have been closed under the Licensing Act of 1904. They include a beer house at Heath Road Litlington, which sold one barrel a week, including stout, and a gallon of ginger wine. All their beer was made from pure malt and hops and it was a better house than the two nearest to it. There were four fully-licensed houses, four beer houses and one off-licence in the village. The Dolphin at Stapleford had been shut up for six weeks as the former landlord had run away and the village appeared to do well without it. The present tenant was a cycle agent and taxidermist as well, 'So you stuff people first and put them on wheels afterwards?' Also Cambridge: Jolly Butchers, Star, Sun; Bassingbourn: Crown; Bottisham: Plough; Comberton: Plough; Fordham: Six Bells, Landbeach: Red Cow; Lt Shelford: Carrier's Cart; Stapleford: Dolphin; Steeple Morden: beer house; Waterbeach: Haunch of Mutton, Plough and Horses; Willingham: William IV, Rose and Crown 06 06 30d,e, f
1906 The Compensation Authority considered claims for premises closed under the Licensing Act. They included a beerhouse at North Brook End, Steeple Morden, The Plough at Comberton, the Red Cow, Landbeach and Carrier's Cart at Lt Shelford. Potton Brewery said they would lose £275 if the licence of a beerhouse at Heath Road, Litlington was taken away but accepted £240 as compensation. However Benskin's Watford Brewery refused £251 for the Sun in Newmarket Road, Cambridge. also Stapleford Dolphin, Waterbeach Haunch of Mutton & Plough & Horses, Sawston – Flower Pot, Willingham – King William IV, Bottisham Plough, Soham Queen's Arms and Old Brewery, 06 11 16a & b

1906 11 17

Licensing compensation – Sawston Flower Pot, Cambridge: Newmarket Road Sun, Honey Hill Beehive; Willingham King William IV – 06 11 17 a & b & c

1906 12 29

Hudson's brewery applied for the transfer of the licence of the Golden Fleece, Ram Yard, an old beer-house attached to Brown's billiard rooms, which years ago was a celebrated resort of University billiard players. The house had been closed for eight months but now there was a new tenant. Some days ago it was refused, but now it was granted. Are 14 ale houses in Barnwell. 06 12 29a

1907 12 29

A London newspaper describes Barnwell as a slum area of Cambridge chiefly inhabited by brickmakers; it claims there is little traffic along the road but within four minutes walking one passes 14 alehouses, some positively next door to each other. However in recent years the area has undergone a great improvement with the building of the Abbey Estate, and the amount of traffic has increased. But no one will gainsay the comments on the number of superfluous public houses. 06 12 29d

1907 02 23

Cambridge Fire Brigade received news that a fire had broken out at Rhadegund Brewery, James Street, occupied by F.J. Swann. Fortunately the services of the steam engine were not required. The fall of live coal on a rug left the room full of smoke but Mr Swann threw buckets of water towards the grate while furniture was removed from the room below. 07 02 23

1907 03 07

The White Swan in Castle Street, Cambridge, was in a dilapidated condition. There were large rat holes in the bar floor, the parlour floor seemed shaky and the whole place was permeated by a very unwholesome smell. It was impossible to open the windows, the plaster work of the ceilings was poor and occupants of bedrooms on the second floor had no proper means of exit. The licence was renewed provided an outside iron staircase was constructed and structural deficiencies rectified. Also the Spotted Cow, Thatched House, Red House, Claremont, Woodman's Arms, Golden Fleece, Marquis of Granby 07 03 07a & b

1907 03 13

Earl of Durham landlady bankruptcy – 07 03 13

1907 06 29

The Milkmaid was one of 13 licenced houses in Willingham and they could do away with half of them, magistrates were told. But there were 100 acres of market gardens all round where a great many men and girls were constantly employed and some came to the house for lunch. The trade had increased since the King William was closed and now did over a barrel a week. Also: Marquis of Granby, Woodman's Arms, Claremont, Golden Fleece; Swaffham Prior Anchor, Harston Green Man, Lt Shelford Three Horseshoes, Over Duke of Cumberland, Willingham Milkmaid - details, Isleham Bell, Fen Ditton Pike & Eel. Bassingbourn Tally Ho, 07 06 29 & a

1907 06 22

Wrestlers' Arms reminiscence – boxing – 07 06 22d

1907 10 15

Temperance Societies have every reason to rejoice: the Cambridge of today is far more sober than 50 years ago and far less money is now spent on intoxicants. The first society was the Independent Order of Rechabites in 1841 but this closed after the 'Illegal Assemblies' Act. It was revived in 1905. Now 3,300 adults and children pledged to total abstinence paraded on Parker's Piece. 07 10 15

1907 10 07

Fire mineral water works, Hobson Street – 07 10 31

1907 11 05

A brewer's drayman was fined for hawking beer. An Inland Revenue officer said he saw a boy stop a cart belonging to William Pegg, brewer of Newmarket Road, and say "They want you over there", pointing to some men engaged in harvesting. The man had taken them a gallon jar off the cart for which he received one shilling. It was extremely unfair to sell beer that way as it took away from the custom of those who were legally entitled to sell it. The brewer said he had told the drayman not to sell beer without an order; the brewing business was a hobby of his and he would not be intentionally guilty of an illegal practice. 07 11 05 & a

1907 11 29

The Licensing Compensation Authority considered nine public houses including the Pike & Eel at Fen Ditton, Green Man Harston, Three Horse Shoes at Lt Shelford and Duke of Cumberland in Over. The Bell at Isleham, owned by Treadway and Percy brewers of Soham was awarded £100. In Cambridge they discussed the Marquis of Granby in Staffordshire Street, Claremont

in Ainsworth Street, Woodman's Arms on Newmarket Road and the Golden Fleece in Ram Yard, a beerhouse owned by Hudson's of Pampisford. 07 11 29

1907 12 02

Cambridge pubs - historical notes - 07 12 02 & a

1908

Great Temperance activity due to proposed Licencing Bill [3.27]

1908 01 24

The owner of the Cow and Calf public house in Shelley Row has told councillors that if they will surrender the licences for the Nag's Head and Baker's Arms pubs – which they own – then he will give up land to allow for the widening of Albion Row. If they agreed to extend his lease he'd also give land for the construction of more cottages and a backway to the Pound in St Peter's Street. 08 01 24a & b

1908 03 05

The Waggon and Horses on the corner of Burleigh Street and East already held a music licence. They had a commodious room capable of holding 50 people which they wished to use for public dancing once a week. But the Chief Constable said it was in an awkward part of Cambridge. A lot of people visited the house and it would not be well to offer further facilities. The licensee had his hands full in looking after the pub as it was at present. also Nags Head, Albion Row; Spotted Cow, Northampton St; Carpenter's Arms, King Street 08 03 05 a & b

1908 03 09

The Long Reach public house stands on the river bank a quarter of a mile from Old Chesterton. The landlord paid no rent and was allowed five shillings a week to keep the house open. The trade was about 21 barrels of beer and 12 gallons of spirit a year. It should be closed together with the Jolly Waterman in Waterbeach Fen. It had no road leading to it and the nearby Jolly Anglers was more convenient and had a ferry attached 08 03 09 & a

1908 07 31

Twenty-six licensed houses are to close, magistrates decided. They include the Robin Hood at Litlington, Chesterton Long Reach, Swaffham Prior's Uncle Tom's Cabin and the Three Jolly Watermen in Waterbeach Fen. But the Fox in the Wood at Soham and the Cock at Isleham were spared after Police Superintendent Winter failed to appear to give evidence. The licence of the Black Horse at Over was renewed after the Star Brewery appealed. Also Barrington Boot & Shoe, Bassingbourn Yew Tree, Steeple Morden Lion, Swaffham Prior John Bull, Bottisham Rose & Crown, Cottenham Six Bells, Oakington Lion and Lamb, Stapleford Hammer & Anvil, Swavesey Chequers, Willingham Little Rose, Castle Camps George, Balsham Ram, Linton White Hart, Cambridge Yorkshire Grey, Old Red Lion, Nine Pines, Thatched House, Baker's Arms, Red Lion, Brewery Tap & Carpenters' Arms CWN 08 07 31

1908 09 25

Tenancy of Nag's Head – to close, Albion Row houses – 08 09 25 p6

1908 10 02

Three hundred Cambridge men journeyed to London to protest against the Government's Licensing Bill. They joined a procession of 2,000 men from King's Cross station in front of a band from Hull which did much to enliven the long and tedious walk. But the main London arteries were so choked with traffic that they were late in arriving at Hyde Park. It was a sober and serious protest with not one drunken man in sight. 33 10 02

1909 03 05

The Rose and Crown, Pound Hill, was damp with paper peeling from the wall. There were seven other licenced premises nearby which all did better trade. But the landlord said he exercised great discretion in the customers he encouraged. Other pubs were frequented by the lower class. If it were closed it would be an inducement to the others not to cater for the better and quieter class but to draw a larger number just so they could boost their sales of beer, Magistrates renewed the licence. Also Traveller's Rest Huntingdon Road, White Horse in Coronation Street, Prince of Wales in Church St, Fox & Duck South Street, Oxford in Crispin Street, Johnny Gilpin in Gold Street & Prince Albert Castle Street CWN 09 03 05

1909 07 02

A number of village public houses are no longer economic and should close, magistrates were told. They included the Bell at Meldreth, Melbourn's Old Elm Tree, The Royal Oak Fulbourn, The Lamb and Lord Nelson at Cottenham, British Queen Chesterton, Queen's Head Dry Drayton, Over's Hare and Hounds, Balsham Five Awls and Soham's Fox-in-Wood. But the licensee of the Green Man at Swavesey said he did not want to leave it. also the Prince of Wales, Church Street and White Horse in Coronation Street, Cambridge CWN 09 07 02 – includes Cambridge Prince of Wales & White Horse – CWN 09 07 02

1909 12 03

Lacon's brewery should receive £143 in compensation for the closure of the Red Lion public house at Orwell, the tenant, George Everitt, £16 and the Lord of the Manor £5, councillors decided. They awarded £200 compensation for the Fox and Duck in South Street Cambridge and £325 for the White Horse in Coronation Street. Agreement was also reached on The Bell at Meldreth, The Old Elm Tree Melbourn and the British Queen and Prince of Wales in Chesterton CWN 09 12 03

1910 02 04

Licensing – Fox & Duck South St, White Horse Coronation St, Prince of Wales Church St, George IV East Road, Cardinal's Cap Guildhall Place, Borough Boys Northampton St, & others – 19 92 04e & f

1910 07 01

Licences for: Cambridge Star & Garter Petty Cury, Cardinal's Cap, Crown & Anchor, Borough Boys, Ship, Merry Boys, Prince Albert, Oxford – all refused. Melbourn White Lion & Swavesey Little Rose renewed 10 07 01 & a

1911 01 06

Petition calls for closure of 50 public houses – 11 01 06e & 11 01 13a & 11 01 13b

1911 02 24

The Cambridgeshire Public House Trust Association says that inns that are well conducted have to bear a much heavier burden of taxation than pubs which merely serve alcoholic liquors. To add refreshment rooms or bedrooms to existing houses is now impossible but improvements have been made to the Hardwicke Arms at Arrington and the Bell Inn, Kennett. Others including the Tharp Arms, Chippenham, George and Dragon Snailwell and the Spread Eagle at Croxton have been maintained in good condition though profits are down again 11 02 24

1911 07 14

The Crystal Palace pub in Mill Road Cambridge was difficult to supervise, police reported. The only way to get to the back was down a narrow passage at the side, the door of which was always locked. The Bell in Northampton Street was in bad repair with terrible accommodation, the house was damp and the only cooking facilities were in an underground kitchen. The landlady of the Chequers Impington said it was the only place to get a good glass of beer and if it closed many a man would become a teetotaller. The Gravel Diggers was right down in Cottenham fen but there was a considerable amount of labour at certain seasons. The tenant had held the licence for 30 years. It was renewed 11 07 14

1911 07 21

The Little Rose in Trumpington Street was close to Addenbrooke's Hospital and the landlord believed that no matter what time of the day it was on a Sunday, if anybody came and said they had been to the Hospital he was perfectly justified in serving them liquor. If they had come from a longer distance than that required by law this was quite right. But a policeman said he had watched two men who neither came from or went to the Hospital and had been served with a drink. Next time anybody was brought to court they would be severely dealt with. 11 07 21

1911 10 20

Dale's Brewery of Cambridge has been awarded the world's championship (and a 50-guinea cup) for the best bottled beer at the Brewers' International Exhibition held in London. The championship beer is selected from those entries winning first prizes in the various bottled beer classes. The first prize won by Dale's was for the best pale ale and this was unanimously judged as champion. They also won an award for their draught beer. Considering the firm is hardly 12 years old this is a remarkable achievement. 11 10 20b (also wins Brewers Journal Silver Challenge Cup & 20 medals for best beer [1.23]

1911 10 27

The 1904 Licensing Act gave justices power to close pubs with compensation on grounds of redundancy. Then Cambridgeshire had 675 'on' licences, Cambridge 241; in six years 115 houses had closed, of which 35 were in Cambridge. The 1908 bill had suggested formula for the number of licenses. Under it Cambridge would have had entitlement of 82, a loss of 124 pubs. In Fen Ditton three of the existing pubs would have been closed and customers concentrated into the remaining two. But there was no evidence that a reduction in the number of pubs meant less drunkenness. Some people thought it was a crime for a working man visit to a pub to get a glass of beer but the drink is not the chief attraction: it is the social intercourse. 11 10 27a-c

1912

Kings Head, Magdalene Street demolished [2.25]

1912

Two Swans, Clarendon St closed & becomes grocery & off-licence (plans to reopen in 1987 blocked) [13.5]

1912 04 19

One of the ancient University privileges is the power to grant licences for the sale of foreign wines. Licences have been granted to Bursars or stewards of colleges, college butlers or managers of college kitchens and to the custodian of Fitzwilliam Hall. Hotel keepers, grocers, chemists, confectioners, restaurant keepers, the manager of the refreshment room at the railway station and wine merchants also have a Vice-Chancellor's licence which is free. But a wine-dealers licence cost ten guineas annually. Now this last relic of University control over the market and sale of provisions in Cambridge may be abolished 12 04 19b & c

1912 07 26

Licensing: Cambridge: Duke of Gloucester Prospect Row, Rose & Crown & Windmill in Russell St, Danish Flag in Fitzroy St, Lamb in Guildhall St (details), Compasses in East Road Cherry Hinton Russian Arms, 12 07 26 o&p

1912 11 15

Licensing compensation for Duke of Gloucester, Windmill, Danish Flag & Compasses in Cambridge – 12 11 15

1912 11 15

Fire at Still & Sugar Loaf, Market Hill – 12 11 15a

1913 01 10

Liquidators of Whitemore & company, the wine merchants founded in 1905, heard that there were good cellars and stock at its headquarters in Downing Street. In addition it owned a very good public house known as the Bun Shop on St Andrew's Hill and the Queen's Arms nearby. There were also premises on Market Hill with cellars let to the Cadet Corps who were using them as shooting galleries. In Trinity Street there was an off-licence which was close to the colleges and just the sort of little place where there was a sale of good wines to better-class customers. 13 01 10b & c 13 01 03 p7 CIP

1913 01 24

Lacons brewers court action against the manager of their Cambridge agency – 13 01 24n & o

1913 02 14

Cambridge licensing – pubs closed Crystal Palace in Mill Rd, Priory Tap Newmarket Road, Bell in Northampton St; are 250 licences, Star Brewery apply sell smaller quantities of beer from brewery 13 02 14 p9 CIP

1913 02 28

Progress of temperance work – apathy in Cambridge: there had been a decrease in drunkenness among men but women have got less shame at entering public houses than they formerly did. 13 02 28 p3 CIP

1913 02 28

Cambridge Autocar Company told the court that the manager for Messrs Lacon, the well-known brewer, told them he had been supplied with a motor car to visit & supply licensed houses across the region and that they would have the orders for petrol and oil. But Lacons had refused to pay the monthly bill, saying the car did not belong to them. Almost every brewer in the district had a motor car and it was reasonable to suppose this belonged to them although there was no sign saying 'Lacon's Pale Ale' on it. However they agreed to pay a part of the bill the man had run up. 13 02 28 p9 CIP

1913 03 17

Captain Heal, manager of Lacons guilty of forgery 13 03 07 p7 CIP

1913 04 04

Captain Heal – Lacons, first meeting creditors 13 04 04 p7 CIP

1913 03 14

Cambridge pubs – Newmarket Road - Bird Bolt; East Road, Shakespeare; Norwich Street – Norwich Arms; Cambridge Place – Three Pigeons; Fitzroy Street – Old English Gentleman adjoined Wesson's Brewery and had been in the Wesson family for 70 years. The accommodation was good, the rooms were spacious, lofty and airy. It had a good bottle and jug department, a good bar, billiard room, smoke room, cellar and bedroom accommodation. Lacons brewers applied for the renewal of the licence for the Turnstile on East Road. This was a small cottage before it became a licensed house. It had been in the same family for over 40 years and the tenant, James Hobbs was anxious to continue. The pub was near the tram terminus and when people were waiting for the trams they did so in his house. He got a good lot of customers and sold a good deal of wine. 13 03 14 p8 CIP

1913 06 09

Captain Heal, the former manager of Lacon's Cambridge Brewery told the bankruptcy court he had purchased licensed houses as ventures on his own account as a way of increasing the brewery's business. But the Black Swan and the Sirdah in Cambridge lost money, as did the Victoria Bar in Newmarket and the White Horse at St Ives. He was a Town Councillor and Guardian and had been extravagant 13 06 06 p9 CIP

1913 07 25

Cambridgeshire licensing; includes Melbourn Tailor's Arms, Over Black Horse, Swavesey Lt Rose, Cambridge Place Three Pigeons 13 07 25 p8 CIP

1913 09 26

Lacon's brewery had 132 pubs in Cambridge; one of the best was the Spring Hotel Chesterton but a bath was essential if it was to do a good trade. Running and boating men were constantly complaining that saucer baths were inconvenient. So Lacon's Manager ordered a new one from Messrs Macintosh and they also replaced the lavatory which gave off a most offensive smell. But the brewery disputed payment and said it was up to the tenant to meet the cost. 13 09 26 p10 CIP

1913 10 17

Gt Chesterford Brewery, successfully carried on by Messrs Pilgrim for over half a century, has been acquired by Dales Brewery of Cambridge. They intended carrying it on as before. There was no better barley-growing district and with good barley they could ensure good beers such as those brewed by Dale which won the championship gold cup for bottled beers at the International Brewers Exhibition in 1911. 13 10 17 p10 CIP 13 11 14 p12 CIP

1913 11 14

University wine privileges abolition notice 13 11 14 p6 CIP

1914 07 17

Death W.H. Apthorpe, brewer 14 07 17 p5

1914 11 06

Dale brewery award 14 11 06

1914 01 30

Captain Heal, the former Cambridge manager of Lacon's Brewery, told the bankruptcy court that when the Black Swan had come on market he'd reported to the company and they'd favourably considered it. But the owner received another offer from the Star Brewery; so he signed to take the property on Lacon's behalf. However Mr Lacon refused to back him and said he'd better take the place himself. So he'd borrowed £600 from his wife. This was the beginning of events which had led to his downfall. He'd bought pubs on his own account to try and increase the firm's business. Now he was a broken man 14 01 30b

1914 02 13

Cambridge licenses – Duke of Gloucester Prospect Row, Rose and Crown & Windmill in Russell St, Danish Flag in Fitzroy St, Compasses on East Rd have closed; are 233 licensed for sale intoxicating liquor on premises and 36 off – 14 02 13, a

1914 03

Death of P.L. Hudson of Pampisford Brewery [1.17]

1914 07 24

Licences – Butchers Arms, Rutland Arms, Ram, Rose, Red House 14 07 24

1914 11 13

Dale Brewery medals – wins silver medals for best stout & best bottled ale at Brewers' Exhibition; has acquired a maltings and brewery stores at Gt Chesterford & improved machinery 14 11 13

1914 12 15

Soldiers are to be supplied with liquor in Cambridge public houses only between 12 noon and 8.30 p.m. by order Headquarters of the visiting troops. The Mayor has addressed a letter to the licence holders in the town strongly recommending the order is strictly obeyed. 14 12 25 CIPof

1914 12 25

The Red Lion public house at Trumpington was completely gutted by fire but the landlord and his family escaped out of the bedroom window. Flames burst through every window and the inside was completely burnt out but the roof was hardly damaged. Very little commotion was caused in the village and people living in a cottage opposite were not aware of the fire until the following morning. The contents were completely destroyed, including £50 in notes of Slate Club money. But gold and silver were recovered from the ruins 14 12 25

1914-18

During War Star brewery manned almost entirely by women

1915 02 12

Cambridge pubs closed during 1914 – Lamb Guildhall St, Shakespeare & Bird Bolt in Newmarket Road, Norwich Arms Norwich St, Three Pigeons Cambridge Place; there are now 218 licensed premises; to be referred Queens Arms in St Andrews St, Half Moon Lt St Mary's Lane, Wheatsheaf Old Chesterton, Tally Ho in Newnham 15 02 12

1915 05 07

Improvement street from Newnham Mills to Lammas Land; Coach & Horses reconstructed, now new building 15 05 07 p3

1915 07 23

Pub licences refused - Black Horse, Lt St Mary's Lane – Half Moon, St Andrew's Court – Rose & Tulip; Newnham Rd – Tally Ho, St Andrew's Street – Queen's Arms – details 15 07 23 p1, p7

1916 03 08

licensing sessions – King's Arms, Union Rd; Horse & Gate, Victoria Rd; Cross Keys, Saxon St; Swan & Pool, New St. – all referred – 16 03 08a

1917 02 14

Gas Explosion,—A gas explosion under the floor of the bar of The Jolly Butchers public house, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, caused a fire to break out on Thursday morning. The landlord, Mr. A. W. Hawes, had a narrow escape, for, although knocked down by the force of the explosion, he escaped injury. The cause of the explosion was apparently a leakage of gas, but exactly how it occurred is unknown. The gas meter was blown from its position, and three large windows and a quantity of glass in the bar were broken. The floor boards became ignited, and although the licensee took prompt action, he found it impossible to extinguish the flames with buckets of water, and so gave the alarm to the Fire Station. The firemen, with motor tender and escape, were speedily on the scene, and the fire was soon extinguished. An examination of the gas pipes failed to reveal from where the gas escaped 17 02 14 CIPof

1917 07 18

Jolly Butchers in Newmarket Road, 'Magpie & Stump' Chesterton and 'Sotted Cow' Northampton Street to close – 17 07 18a

1919

True Blue inn closed [4.12]

1919 07 16

Licenses refused: White Swan, Castle St; Corn Exchange Inn, Grafton Arms, Salmon on Newmarket Road; White Swan, Staffordshire St; granted Butcher's Arms, Newmarket Rd, Bird in Hand, Newmarket Rd – 19 07 16a

1920 03 10

Licensing sessions: refer East Road: Turnstile, George IV, Smith & Wheelwright Arms. King St: Boot. Gwydir St: Dewdrop. Newnham: Tally Ho. Chesterton: Indian Chief. Cherry Hinton Hopbine. Renew St Andrew's St: Queen's Arms – Ch 20 03 10b

1920 07 14

Public houses considered for closure – Victoria, Barrington; Guilden Morden Pig & Whistle, Cherry Hinton Hopbine, Castle Camps George & Dragon, Linton Axe & Saw, King Street Boot, Chesterton High Street Indian Chief, Newnham Road Tally Ho, East Road Turnstile, Gwydir Street Dew Drop - CDN 20 07 10 Ch 20 07 14b

1920 08 04

Hotel sold,—Considerable interest was taken in the sale conducted by Messrs. Chalk at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Saturday afternoon, when the auctioneers offered for disposal the valuable freehold hotel, known as 'The Rock Hotel,' Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge. The "Rock" is the only fully-licensed house in the district the nearest on the Cambridge side being three-quarters of a mile away and on the Cherry Hinton side a mile distant. The house was built 24 years ago, and is let to Messrs. Lacon and Co. (whose tenancy expires on October Inn next) at the annual rent of £175. The bidding was keen, offers coming from many parts of the room. The property was put in at £3,000 (offered by 'a well-known local tradesman'), and rapidly rose by bids of £50 to over £4,000. £25 bids carried the amount to approaching £5,000 and £20 bids to the final figure of £5,040. For this sum the property was bought by Mr. H. Ambrose, the licensee of "The Panton Arms" Cambridge. The auctioneers then offered the freehold house adjoining, known as "Ray Bert" Cottage, and this was purchased by the tenant, Mr. B. Jeffrey, for £700 20 08 04 CIPof

1922 03 04

Det-Constable Abbott presented his report (to the Borough Licensing panel). He said the trade in beer of the Bird in Hand, Newmarket Road, was better than that of the Hare & Hounds which was 107 yards away. The next nearest house was the Crown in Wellington-street. Charles Byatt, the tenant, said he had held the licence for about 20 years. He was quite satisfied with the living he was making. Arthur E.W. Payne, secretary for Messrs Bailey & Tebbutt said the house had been doing four barrels a week. John W. Pate, architect and surveyor said he had produced plans to rebuild the premises as soon as the company took over the house in January 1919. The work had not been done owing to the difficulty in getting tenders from builders through lack of skilled labour and materials. Joshua Charles Newman, a builder, said the best part of the local skilled labour had been commandeered by the Government for housing schemes. CDN c 4.3.1927

1924

Black Swann, Guildhall Street, converted to Fisher House

1924 11 18

Compensation was approved in respect of six licensed houses, which have been closed. They were The King's head, Cottenham, The Dolphin, Waterbeach, The Little Rose at Swavesey, The Coach and Horse, Linton, The Morning Star at Sawston & The Duke of Wellington in Cambridge, licensee Mr A.S. Scales where compensation was agreed at £1,000 c24 11 18

1925 01 18

The well-known Cambridge brewery business which has been carried on for 28 years in Panton Street by Messrs Bailey & Tebbutt is to change hands. They acquired the brewery in 1897. At that time they were carrying on the Granta Brewery under the name of "Robinson & Tebbutt". Mr Bailey's late

father was owner of the Star Brewery. The business has now been acquired by Messrs Greene, King & Son c25 01 18 [1.20]

1926

Scales King Street brewery taken over by Barclay (later sold Wells & Winch & Greene King [4.21]

1926 07 17

The Star Brewery applied for the renewal of the licence of the Crown beerhouse in Wellington Street, Cambridge. There were seven fully-licensed houses and three beerhouses within 260 yards. They had lost the licenses of the Woodman's Arms & Crown and Anchor in Newmarket Road in 1907 & 1910, the Oxford, Crispin Street in 1916 and the Priory Tap in 1911. The brewery had rebuilt and brought the Crown up to date in 1914 but as the tenant's family increased the trade was neglected: It was not a good thing for a house of this kind when there was a lot of children running about c26 07 17

1926 07 18

Trade at the George the Fourth public house in East Road, a beer drinking, working-class residential neighbourhood, had been carried on for years without complaint. There were about 20 persons living there every night of whom 16 had been there from one to 12 years; one old man, aged 83, had been living there for ten. Housing conditions in Cambridge are very bad, there were 700 or 800 applications for houses at the present time. It was difficult to see what was going to happen to these people if the license was withdrawn and the pub closed down c26 07 18

1927 12 23

Thousands of bottles of old ale, specially brewed for Trinity College and matured in the college cellars, have been sent this Christmas to Cambridge men all over the country. Trinity Audit Ale is declared by brewers to be the finest known. Every year there is a big demand for it, but not a bottle is allowed to be sold to the public and only present and past members of the college are allowed to buy it. The ale is matured for two years before it is sold and treated with all the care of an old wine. The recipe of the drink, which until fairly recently was brewed in the college itself, is kept a secret. c27 12 23

1928 02 12

Justices turned down an application for the removal of the licence of the Elm Tree, Orchard Street, Cambridge to premises proposed to be erected at the junction of Milton Road and Green End Road. The Elm Tree was redundant and not necessary for the needs of the locality and there were over 100 people in favour of the new site. Large numbers of houses were being erected in that area which would be inhabited by people who would not be able to afford a wine cellar of their own and have to go to a public house for their bottle of beer. But the residents were people who had been taken from the slums; their incomes were very small and there was no margin for drink in their budget. c28 02 12

1928 07 22

The future of the Bell public house, Botolph Lane and the Plume and Feathers, Park Street, Cambridge was considered by the Licensing Committee. The Bell was difficult for police to supervise. It had no downstairs accommodation for the tenant and meals had to be taken in the smoke room during closing hours. The renewal was refused. The Plume and Feathers had little accommodation and was frequently congested with a few customers. It had been done up and the yards had been covered over. The trade had gone up and was better than the Maypole. c28 07 22

1929 11 20

The Royal Institute of British Architects has presented a bronze medal to be awarded annually for a building of outstanding merit erected in Essex, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. One of the conditions is that it must front to a street, road, square or court to which the public has access. Its first award is for the Rose and Crown public house on Newmarket Road, Cambridge designed by Basil Oliver and built by W. Sindall for Greene, King & Sons. A suitable tablet will be fixed to the building
CDN 20.11.1929

1929 12 27

Cambridge has also lost a popular figure in Mr Frederick Dale, head of the brewery that bears his name. He started it 25 years ago and it rapidly became one of the largest in the district. He took a keen interest in the affairs of many local clubs and many forms of sport enjoyed his patronage, but he shunned political life. One of his chief hobbies was the collection of antiques and he had an extraordinarily fine collection of old English silver CDN 27.12.1929

1930 02 01

Architects, brewers and builders gathered outside the Rose and Crown public house on Newmarket Road, Cambridge, to witness the unveiling of a plaque proclaiming it one of the best buildings erected in East Anglia during 1928. They then adjourned to the very attractive club room for speeches. The Vice Chancellor said that Cambridge had a good tradition for good beer. When he was an undergraduate there was a college servant who sang: "I likes a glass of good beer, I does. It does you no harm, and does you a lot of good" 30 02 01

1930 02 19

Grapes Inn, Castle Street demolished [3.1,4.4]

1930 07 16

Milton Arms opens [2.27,4.9]

1930 08 20

Isaac Newton, Castle Street rebuilt [3.2,4.3]

1930 10

Carriers Arms, St Tibbs Row closes "one of the best known hostellries amongst older generations of country folk" [2.3]

1930 10 23

Herbert Robinson, the motor engineer told the court he had purchased the leasehold of 'The Fountain' pub, Regent Street, Cambridge from the Star Brewery intending to add the site to his business premises. He granted the lease to a landlord for five years with a provision that he could regain possession earlier and now wanted it back 30 10 23a-c

1931 02 13

Cambridge justices heard that the Crown and Sceptre in Clarendon Street was only open from Monday to Saturday and closed at nine o'clock instead of ten, which was the ordinary time for licenced houses. It was a comfortable house and the company was good but customers found early closing irksome and went to other pubs of which there were five within 200 yards. A full licence was granted subject to improvement in the sanitary arrangements. 31 02 13c-d

1931 02 13

The Robin Hood at Cherry Hinton was the only licensed house on the main Cambridge-Fulbourn Road but only had a beer licence. The brewery had spent a good deal of money improving the amenities and the introduction of motor buses and charabancs had made a great difference in trade. During the summer people came in almost every day for teas and meals like bread and cheese. It was much used by walkers including ladies who asked for port. 30 02 13e-f

1931 03 13

Hudson's brewery had closed six public houses in Cambridge: the Brewery Tap in Bridge Street, the White Swan and Prince Albert in Castle Street, the Beehive on Honey Hill, Spotted Cow in Northampton Street and Golden Fleece in Ram Yard. But they wanted to renew the licence for the

Baron of Beef. The application was supported by a petition from the Sick Benefit Society and was granted. Also Cow & Calf & Crown & Sceptre 31 03 13f

1931 10 23

Prompt action averted a serious fire at the Panton Brewery, Cambridge. The premises were deserted at the time of the outbreak as the mechanics and other employees were away at breakfast but as soon as the alarm was given many hastened to the spot with chemical extinguishers, but flames spread to the roof and loft of a small workshop. The fire brigade arrived in under five minutes and prevented a big fire. 31 10 23b

1932

Baron of Beef rebuilt [1.6]

1932 03 05

Magistrates refused to relicense the Bowling Green public house, High Street, Chesterton. The landlord said a billiard room had been re-decorated, he had regular customers and it had become more or less an institution. But there had been a decrease in trade, despite the growing estate nearby. The Maypole in Portugal Place was the headquarters of the Whippet Club; the tenant was 70 years of age and his only means of support would be the old-age pension. This together with the Alhambra in East Road, the Eagle Tavern beerhouse in Victoria Road and the Clarendon Arms was relicensed. 32 03 05 & a

1932 03 05

Justices approved a licence for the Vine Hotel proposed at the corner of Vinery Road and Coldham's Lane. Basil Oliver, the architect of the award-winning Rose and Crown on Newmarket Road would design it with a large dining which many workmen would use for lunch. Over 200 of the residents of new houses recently erected in the area had signed a petition in support. 32 03 05c

1932 03 11

The record success of Dale's Brewery at the Brewery Exhibition was celebrated at the Dorothy Café when the cups and medals won were on show. It was a local firm, founded by Frederick Dale in 1903, their capital was all local, the majority of their barley was grown within a radius of 20 miles of Cambridge and malted locally at Barnwell. Eight of their tenants have over 20 years' with the firm. If they were Britain's best brewery then Mr Hawkes was the best brewer 32 03 11 & a

1932 04 05

Magistrates decided not to confirm the licence of the Vine Hotel, proposed on the junction of Vinery Road and Coldham's Lane to serve the needs of a new locality developing at a rapid rate. It would not be an ordinary public house but a catering establishment – though residents would not use it for breakfast, lunch or dinner. 207 had signed a petition supporting it, 100 signed another against it. 32 04 05

1932 12 09

A Cambridge publican told the bankruptcy court he had taken the Horse and Groom in King Street in October 1925 and made a profit until the General Strike when trade was hit throughout the country. He borrowed money and in May 1930 took the Rose Hotel, Rose Crescent. But the increase in beer by a penny a pint hit sales so he left and moved to a pub in Maidstone 32 12 09b 32 12 09c

1933 03 24

Three Tuns licence to be withdrawn, Coach & Horses, Newnham – 33 03 24c

1933 03 08

British Queen, Histon Road newly built [2.23]

1933 03 04

Licencing – Maypole, Alhambra, Carlton - 33 03 04

1933 07 03

Councillors agreed to renew the licence of the Three Tuns, Castle Street, Cambridge on the understanding that a new public house would be erected on the adjoining site of the old White Swan, which is also the property of the Corporation. This would avoid the demolition of the Three Tuns, which has a definite local history and connections to Dick Turpin, but is structurally unsound. 33 07 03 p6

1933 07 07

The Carlton public house in Lensfield Road owned by Lacons brewery had seen an increase in trade following the Budget decrease. There had been no complaints about the tenant, Edward Bettsworth, who was getting a living and wanted to retain it. Its licence was renewed but not those of the Coach and Horses on Newnham Road or the Alhambra on East Road where there were five other pubs within 220 yards and the trade was decreasing. 33 07 07 p12

1933 10 04

The Baron of Beef public house in Bridge Street was partially destroyed by fire. Firemen found flames shooting half-way across the Blackmoor Head Yard and people living at the Mitre pub began to get alarmed. It is one of the fire danger zones in Cambridge, congested with plenty of old property. The Baron was almost entirely rebuilt in 1932 which involved the demolition of four old cottages and three others were destroyed to make room for the new garages. 33 10 04 [1.6,2.21]

1933 10 17

New Fountain inn plans, Regent Street – 33 10 17

1934

Jolly Waterman rebuilt [2.24]

1934 01 30

Three Tuns public house plans, White Swan to close – 34 01 30

1934 03 02

The tenant of the Rhadegund public house in King Street had been there since 1893 but his wife had died and trade had gone down. There were six other pubs within 300 yards, three belonging to Lacons, two to Greene King and one to Mr Dale. A good many of the customers were getting on in years and some had fallen away. But it served a useful purpose socially for a certain class of people and should be kept open, magistrates were told. 34 03 02

1934 02 02

White Horse public house, Castle Street bought by council – 34 02 02

1934 03 28

Magistrates approved the transfer of a licence from the old Three Tuns on Castle Hill to a new County Arms nearby. There would be increased facilities for meals to cater for the new County Hall opposite. But the proprietor of Ye Olde Castle Tea Rooms and the Castle Inn objected. None of the county council staff came in and there was no trade in the winter. The neighbourhood was decreasing and it would have an effect on their businesses 34 03 28

1934 06 29

In spite of its delightfully antique appearance the inside of the new Fountain public house in St Andrew's Street is the last word in modern efficiency. Owned by William Younger of Edinburgh, the architect was C.M. Quilter and the Tudor style mirrors their other pubs up and down the country. The

Scottish atmosphere is maintained by the variety of tartan panels and coats of arms which decorate the windows. 34 06 29

1934 11 30

Star brewery acquired by Tollemache [1.4]

1935 02 01

County Arms, Castle St opens – 35 02 01

1935 03 09

Anchor inn demolished photo 35 03 09d

1935 07 05

The tenant of the Red Lion at Trumpington had been there since 1916. If the licence was taken away he would be deprived of his livelihood & the Red Lion Self-Help Club would be broken up, magistrates heard. There were 34 allotment holders on ground belonging to the pub and half the allotment land in the village had already been lost on account of building. It was an old-fashioned house, very quiet and homely and the Feast was held in a field at the rear. They served teas to anybody who asked for them, but not much beer. The licence was renewed 35 07 05b

1935 07 05

The Five Bells was one of five fully-licensed houses in Cherry Hinton. In 1920 the Hop Bine, next door, was done away with and the Russian Arms had been closed in 1912. Lacons the brewers said the extra penny on beer had hit sales. The Five Bells had been ringing harmoniously for a good many years to the comfort and convenience of the inhabitants and should be allowed to continue to ring a little longer. The licence was renewed – 35 07 05b

1935 09 12

The White Horse Inn at the foot of Castle Hill is a 15th-century building surrounded with mystery. Between the two chimney stacks is said to exist a small secret room once used by Royalists as a hiding place from their enemies. The entrance was probably by way of the chimney but as the wide fireplaces have been bricked up there is no means of ascertaining whether there were iron rungs on one side. But inside a cupboard on the first floor landing is an iron door built a few years ago to enable a sweep to enter. The mystery may be solved if and when the building is demolished, as it may be in the near future for road widening purposes. 35 09 12a

1935 10 26

The Three Tuns public house at Castle Hill was a picturesque building and there were too few of that sort remaining. Dick Turpin was supposed to have stayed there at one time, but that was purely legendary. Mr Northfield had restored it some years ago so as to make people think it was really an ancient building but it had just been painted to look like a half-timbered house. It was not fit for human habitation and the Cambridge Preservation Society could not appeal for its retention 35 10 26a

1935 12 07

A map entitled ‘A plain delineation of ... Cambridge setting for the inns and taverns thereof’ and drawn in the eighteenth-century style has just been produced by Ian Cox. Together with two of his University friends he has been making a tour of the aforesaid inns, sampling the ales sold and the pastimes with which customers amuse themselves. There is a list of 199 places where beer and ale can be obtained and notes on the 15 brewers whose products are sold, as well as the Audit Ale. Five pastimes are named: darts, skittles, table-skittles, ring the ball and shove-halfpenny. The map is sold at half-a-crown uncoloured with hand-coloured versions at six shillings 35 12 07c

1936 02 08

Two new pubs in Coldham's Lane were considered. The Star Brewery's 'Haven Hotel' at the junction of Vinery Way would be like an Elizabethan Manor in red brick with stone dressing and red tiled roof. Greene King planned the 'Merry Monarch' opposite Brooks Road as a plain up-to-date pub with a Cumberland turf bowling green attached – far more appropriate than the 'Brewers Jacobean' proposal. But this was a new housing area in which many people were starting out in life and taking of a narcotic drug like alcohol was subversive to the economic, moral and spiritual welfare. Both applications were refused 36 02 08 & a

1936 02 13

Wells and Winch Ltd, brewers of Biggleswade, announce the opening of the new 'Yorkshire Grey' Chesterton. This house has been designed to ensure the comfort of its patrons, both new and old, and is the latest endeavour of Messrs Wells and Winch to make licensed premises clean, healthy and attractive. A spacious clubroom is available for parties – this room having a private entrance and conveniences. Tenant Thomas Evans. Architect E.H.C. Inskip & Son, Bedford 36 02 13

1936 03 06

The Star Brewery want a new pub, The Golden Hind, on Milton Road, an area of 1,010 houses of which the majority had been built since 1927. It was not ribbon development but housing estates on each side and practically built up to the railway gates. King's Hedges Road would form part of the new Ring Road so further development might be expected there. If granted the brewery would surrender the licence of the 'Racehorse' on Newmarket Road and the 'Plume of Feathers'. The Women's Total Abstinence Union opposed the application. Licence applications Elm Tree, Hare and Hounds & Dog & Pheasant. Licence of Bowling Green Chesterton transfer to new Golden Hind 36 03 06 Golden Hind application granted – 36 03 07b & c

1936 03 27

Alfred Scales carried on his father's business as wine and spirit merchants, formerly well-known as Scales Brewery. He retired in 1925 when the estate was disposed of and the business taken over by Messrs Barclay, Perkins & Co. During the war he arranged sports and entertainments for the patients at the 1st Eastern General Hospital and took special interest in the bath ward where wounded soldiers used to lie continually in baths of warm water. 36 03 27c

1936 05 15

Rose and Crown, Newmarket Road – Greene King advert – 36 05 15e

1936 08 28

Ye Olde Three Tuns, Castle Street demolished [1.2]

1937 07 08

The publican of the Prince of Wales, Histon Road, Cambridge became licensee in May 1914. His wife ran it while he served in the army during the war and afterwards he made 25 per cent profit on beer and a third on spirits. But his furniture was not very good and there was no inducement for people to come there. There were four other pubs in the locality and he lost trade when the depression set in. 32 07 08b

1937 02 04

Magistrates received an application from the Star Brewery for the removal of the licence of the Garden Gate at Little Wilbraham to premises to be erected on Newmarket Road to be known as the Airport Hotel. However Lacons Albion Brewery asked for the removal of the licence of the Cow and Hare at Lode to a new pub to be known as the King George, also on Newmarket Road near the borough boundary. While they might regard one application with sympathy, two were out of the question and the decision was deferred. 37 02 04c

1937 02 06

The Star Brewery applied for the transfer of a licence from the Crown and Compasses in Coronation Street to a new 'Vine' pub in Vinery Way. There had been 817 new houses nearby and many residents supported the application. But several residents thought it would devalue their property and Mr Skeel, who has an off-licences in Vinery Road, opposed it. Greene King also wanted to erect 'The Running Footman' in Coldham's Lane opposite Brooks Road. It would be open at all times for the sale of teas and would have a Cumberland turf bowling green. Both were refused. 37 02 06b

1937 03 05

Magistrates heard that the Old Guinea public house in Russell Street was owned by the Star Brewery who had redecorated it and fitted a new fire and sink. There were seven fully-licensed houses and two off-licences within 400 yards. The Burleigh Arms in Burleigh Street was a beerhouse which provided a living for the tenant who found great difficulty in getting any work. The Rabbit in Gold Street was a comfortable little house; it had two extremely nice trade rooms and Green King had put in new windows. The residents of East Road might be 'scared off' a big place. The Cross Keys in Saxon Street was the only beer house in the neighbourhood which had five fully-licences housed within 400 yards. Beer was drawn straight from the wood, which was an attraction and trade was good. 37 03 05j

1937 03 05

Proposed Weathervane on Perne Road refused – 37 03 05n

1937 07 02

Magistrates heard that the Old Guinea public house in Russell Street was redundant: it sold a little over two barrels of beer a week and there were nine other premises within 400 yards. The Star Brewery was happy for it to close. But brewers Greene King opposed the closure of the The Rabbit in Gold Street. It was a nice clean little house and they had recently made alterations and repairs. It was close to the Burleigh Arms in Burleigh Street and they would not oppose closing that instead. This was agreed. 37 07 02 & a

1937 07 02

Dales brewery modernised with new bottling units and pure air plant; group photo – 37 07 02c

1937 07 30

The historic 'Ye Olde Castel Hotel', which dates back to pre-Cromwell days, enters another phase as Messrs Barclay, Perkins and Co. open a new and modern building. The old character of the house, from the time when its stables were filled with horses and latterly its garage with cars, has disappeared and upon the site has risen the Regal Cinema and a smaller, but more modern 'Castle'. 37 07 30

1938 02 05

Greene King wanted a new pub, 'The Running Footman' on Coldham's Lane, opposite Brooks Road. It would cater for people needing non-alcoholic drinks and keep open outside licensing hours. There were 1,700 residents within a quarter-of-a-mile with more coming soon when the ring road opened. But the licensee of the Brookfield Tavern said it would hit his trade while the Temperance Council claimed alcohol was a narcotic drug and dangerous to motoring – that was why insurance companies offered a rebate to drivers who abstained. It was refused as was another on Perne Road to be called 'The Weathervane' 38 02 05 & a

1938 03 04

The White Swan was one of four pubs in Norfolk Street; in five years the sale of beer had doubled but spirits had gone down.- working classes could not afford spirits. The licensee had been barman at the New Theatre for 37 years but had to leave when it was converted to a cinema. The Tailors Arms nearby was a beerhouse and it would be better to cut down methylated spirits licences rather than beerhouse licences. Trade at the Gwydir Arms had declined as the licensee, Mrs Newman had got old so the brewery had offered her ten shillings a week for life to give it up. It was one of the 'nicest little houses in Cambridge' and they would add a bathroom if the license was renewed 38 03 04a & b

1938 08 01

The Gwydir Arms was a fully licensed house. Within a radius of 400 yards there were seven fully-licensed houses, two beer houses and one beer-off. The area was fully developed and did not need this number. Its trade was small and declining. But Greene King had spent money on improvements since they bought it in 1925 and would put in a bathroom and private lavatory. There was an atmosphere in the building which puts it in a street by itself. The licence was renewed. But that of the Tailors Arms beerhouse in Norfolk Street was refused. 38 08 01 & a

1939 06 30

The Red Bull in New Street was redundant, magistrates said. It was in a poor state. There were twelve other licensed premises within 400 yards and the population had reduced following slum clearance schemes. The licensee had another job and his wife did most of the work at the pub. But the Star Brewery said it was doing a trade of barrels a week and other pubs did less. They had already re-built the Fives Bells and the Star, nearby, and had plans for rebuilding it when cash became available 39 06 30a

1940 07 12

Drink Curfew. — Cambridge licensees are not to serve soldiers with drinks after 9.30 p.m. on the instructions of the military authorities. Local Defence Volunteers are not affected 40 07 12 CIPof

1949

Vice Chancellor found to have no powers over licences to sell British wine [11.7]

1950 02 03

“I feel that beerhouses are an anachronism” said the Cambridge chief constable at the Borough licensing meeting. “They were invented in the days when spirits were very cheap and was done to prevent people from imbibing too much gin. Nowadays people can’t afford too much spirits. I now see little difference between a full licence and a beer licence”. The committee considered an application for a full licence by the licensee of the “Dew Drop” beer house, Gwydir Street. He said members of visiting darts teams asked for “shorts” c50 02 03

1951 03 21

Cambridge has some 150 inn signs hanging outside licensed premises. It is probable that Cambridge was the first place where public house signs were made compulsory by law. An Act passed in 1430 laid down “whoever shall brew ale in the town of Cambridge with intention of selling it must hang out a sign, otherwise he shall forfeit his ale. The Eagle and Child in Bene’t Street was called by irreverent undergraduates “The Bird and Baby”. There was also a “Swan and Sugarloaf”, (now the Still and Sugarloaf) which was nicknamed the Duck and Acid Drop c51 03 21

1951 12 13

Reminiscences of the First World War when the Star Brewery, Cambridge, was manned almost entirely by women were shared by Major Freeman at the celebration of the firm’s diamond jubilee anniversary. When he joined in 1903 there were 30 public houses on the Newmarket Road. It had come into being in 1891; in 1935 it became a subsidiary of the Tollemache Company and recently the firm of Messrs Whitmore, in St Andrew’s Hill, had been acquired. The brewery had stabling for 25 horses up to 1935 when motor transport was first introduced. It had been a great success and was now considered to be the county’s “star” brewery c51 12 13

1952 09 16

Fire caused thousands of pounds worth of damage at Jack N. Baldry’s Mineral Water Works at Gold Street, Cambridge. It broke out in the first floor of the factory where corks, labels and bottles were kept & ran the whole length of the roof of one wing, most of which was destroyed. Firemen were hampered by extremely dense smoke, melting lead from the valleys of the roof and by many of the mineral water bottles exploding c57 09 16

1953

Plume of Feathers, Park Street demolished [2.19]

1954 02 09

The landlord of the Baron of Beef does not mind how much money he spends to make it the brightest public house in Cambridge. Music is the order of the day and this certainly suits his customers, many of whom are American servicemen. A large white organ arrived on Monday but was too big to go through the door and had to be taken away. His latest brainwave is to install an electric Hammond organ worth £2,000 and an experience man, formerly a cinema organist, has been engaged to play it.
CDN 9.2.1954

1954 07 03

Huntingdon will probably lose one of its oldest industries with the cessation of the brewing of beer. For more than 300 years the brewery in the High Street has been active. Now it will stop. The score of women in the bottling department and the men on the brewery staff will be found other employment. None of the office staff will be affected and the off-licence premises will carry on as usual. Malting will also be continued and the dozen lorry drivers and loaders will not be affected. It will be used as a distribution centre for the Ely produced beers. Throughout the century many amalgamations have taken place but in 1950 they culminated in the combination between the Huntingdon Brewery and Messrs Hall, Cutlack and Harlock of Ely to form the East Anglian Breweries ltd – CDN 3.7.1954

1955 01 08

Dales brewery no longer brew draught beer, taken over by 1954 Whitbreads [2.1,4.20]

1956 03 23

Globe public house restructured 56 03 23

1956 12 03

Fire severely damaged a workshop at the Star Brewery in Auckland Road but the prompt arrival of the Fire Brigade prevented the outbreak from spreading to adjoining garages. Mr Harold Jones, a mechanic, was welding when the fire started and raised the alarm. Young art students who were sketching nearby buildings when the fire started were able to make drawings of the damage. 56 12 03

1957 03 02

A new public house, 'The Weathervane' can be built on Perne Road but the Star brewery must transfer the licence from The Crown and Compasses in George IV Street and will close the Crown, Wellington Street and the Star on Newmarket Road. People living in the new houses in the area objected, one lady saying she'd saved her money to buy a house there to be away from pubs. Pupils at Coleridge Evening Centre, one of the finest institutions in the country, might be degraded while people who drank were more likely to catch disease than those who did not. 57 03 02

1957 03 02

Plans were agreed for a new public house, 'The Robin Hood and Little John' to be built on land adjoining a pub of the same name at Cherry Hinton. Designs originally submitted two years ago had been revised and a small smoke room omitted. There was also a large car park. 57 03 02a

1957 04 01

Despite a vigorous protest, magistrates agreed the erection of a new public house, 'The Weathervane' on Perne Road. There was a definite need; since 1936 around 2,500 new houses had gone up in the area with about 9,500 professional and working people. It was a respectable middle-class area and scholars would not be tempted to enter it. 57 04 01b & c

1958 02 14

Greene King's Panton Brewery is no more. The modern machinery at Bury St Edmund's is capable of meeting requirements so the premises in Panton Street will be used as a storage and dispersal depot. It was a small brewery but had been producing very good beer for more than 60 years, latterly turning out 15,000 barrels a year. Greene King acquired it in 1925. It is a pity that such long-standing traditions must be broken and the beer connoisseur will mourn its loss. 58 02 14a [3.10]

1958 03 10

"Every issue of the CDN reveals on every page the heartbreak and suffering caused by alcohol", said Dr Rattray in objecting to plans for a new public house on the corner of Alex Wood Road. It would be close to two new secondary schools and exactly opposite the Church. Nearby houses would suffer the noise of car doors and shouting and laughing outside. But residents said it was almost a mile to the nearest pub on Milton Road. 58 03 10

1958 03 27

Alex Wood pub licence granted, Arbury – 58 03 27b

1958 12 16

Demolition of the Robin Hood – 58 12 16c

1959 11 13

The Weathervane, a new public house at Perne Road, is the first to be built to serve new Cambridge housing restates. The site was purchased by Tollemache Breweries in 1937 but has been delayed for 22 years because of the war and building restrictions. Today it is uneconomic to build palatial mansions but this house is just as comfortable, the sort of place one can bring a family for a pleasant drink with its bright contemporary decorations, skirting heating and low fireplaces. "You may ask why the name 'Weathervane' was chosen, but I cannot give you any reason at all", Lord Tollemache told guests at the opening. 59 11 13c, 12 [3.12, 13.4]

1959 12 16

The Arbury Estate gained its second public house within 12 days with the opening of the Carlton Arms. It is unique in that it is sponsored, owned and run by two breweries, Wells and Winch and Whitbread's. Designed in a conventional fashion, it has a brightly-decorated public bar and a saloon bar that can be separated into a lounge bar by means of a Bolton gate. The new landlords, Mr & Mrs Alan Davis were previously at the Still and Sugar Loaf on the Market Square. 59 12 16b [3.13,12.8]

1959 12 04

Snow Cat opens [13.6]

1959 10 24

Gaming machine in Royal Arms, King St – 59 10 24c

1960s The Cambridgeshire Collection has detailed newspaper cuttings files from this date

1960 02 03

The picturesque 'Free Press' public house in Prospect Row stands in an area which the City Council wish to clear for redevelopment and is likely to be demolished one day. It once catered for printers from the old University Press in Brandon Place and consists of two cottages knocked into one. The licensee, Geoffrey Nichols, has been in occupation since 1927. When he first came it was 'an old spittoon sort of place' but now businessmen like its smoke room, workmen and their wives enjoy a drink in the public bar, and the snug, the slip and the bottle and jug department each cater for a public of their own. The walls are covered with photographs of actors and variety artists who used to lodge nearby while appearing at the New Theatre. 60 02 03

1960 03 18

Call to tradesmen to relinquish University wine licences 60 03 18d

1961

cup over Dales brewery taken down [446.12.7]

1961 12 21

Tollemache and Cobbold Breweries announce the opening of The Racehorse, Newmarket Road, Cambridge. This house has been designed for maximum comfort and service. There are three well-appointed and furnished bars and decoration is tasteful and modern. Sandwiches and snacks will always be obtainable. One of the rooms will be available for clubs and private parties. Apply to the manager, Arthur Shatford. – Advert 61 12 21b [13.14]

1961 12 14

Queen Edith public house opens, Wulfstan Way – 61 12 14 [14.1]

1961 04 21

Lacon's the brewers want to knock down the Travellers Rest public house in Huntingdon Road, Cambridge and erect another one further back. A petrol filling station would then be built on the site with no major repair facilities, just a routine check of oils, tyre pressures and sparking plugs. There was no filling station on that side of the road until passing the Lolworth Transport Café. But planners say there is already a petrol station opposite. There is heavy traffic visiting the nearby Cattle Breeders Association and Messrs French's Flour Mills and many coach parties would continue to use the public house. A lighted cigarette end thrown from an open coach window by a passenger would land near the petrol pumps. 61 04 21a

1961 09 23

History of the Dog and Gun, Castle Street – 61 09 23

1962 04 06

Angel public house, Market Street bought by the unknown purchaser of Macintosh's – 62 04 06c [3.17,12.15]

1962 09 21

Free Press "stands alone in area of demolition [3.20]

1962 04 23

The massive square building of the Cambridge Maltings on Newmarket Road is where barley is converted into malt for malted food and beverages but mainly for brewing into light ale. The loading room holds row upon row of sacks bulging with fat, glossy barley grains which has to be dried in a huge perforated drum. It is carried to bins where it is rested for six weeks and then conveyed to the square brick tower which rises higher than the main malt-house roof. When the process is complete it is hauled by electric elevators on to lorries to be taken to the leading breweries. 62 04 23 & a

1962 05 12

Renovations being carried out at the Green Dragon Public House in Chesterton have led to the discovery of coins and business cards over 100 years old. They were found by the licensee, John Harrison, after a mantle shelf was taken down over the fireplace in the public bar. The coins include a Rochdale halfpenny from the 1790s showing a spinner at a weaving loom while one of the cards relate to a General Election of 1835. The pub itself is of considerable age, having been granted an inn licence in 1630 when it afforded 'sufficient entertainment for 20 men and horses in bedding and stable rooms' 62 05 12

1963

Are 239 licensed houses in Cambridge [11.1]

1963 07 08

Blackamoor's Head in Victoria Road demolition – 63 07 08a (rebuilt) [12.13]

1964 05 28

Man on Moon, Norfolk St open, replaces pub demolished for East Rd redevelopments [14.14]

1965

Jenny Wren, St Kilda Avenue opens - Arbury [11.11]

1965 09 04

Milton Arms likely to close - protests [14.10]

1965 06 04

Maypole dancing official opening Maypole public house, Portugal Place – photo – 65 06 04a [14.12]

1965

King Street run 2 x per term record 28 minutes, founded by Ted Dexter [10.17]

1965 02 26

Jack Baldry, the Cambridge mineral water firm, has installed a new soft drink production plant which has doubled their bottle output and cut factory staff by a third. Two production lines now complete the cycle of washing, filling, capping and labelling the drinks, a job previously done by three bottle lines and about 35 employees working on equipment which was up to 18 years old. Now 10,000 bottles an hour can be made up at the Gold Street factory 65 02 26c

1966

Protests that colleges are becoming public houses by providing drinks with meals [11.2]

1966 02 21

Dales brewery has just closed – photo – 66 02 21a

1966 04 11

University authorities ban King Street run; started 40 years ago – 66 04 11a; does not take place 66 04 21c; takes place in defiance of proctors – 66 04 28c

1966 04 18

Milton Arms cannot be demolished and replaced with petrol station and 30 flats – 66 04 18c

1966 04 28

Morley's Wine Bar in Petty Cury to close; will be off-sales in Wellington St; established since turn of the century, need to expand – 66 04 28b

1966 08 23

Cambridge Maltings on Ditton Walk to be sold; was in use until recently when bought by Associated British Malsters; work stopped month ago – 66 08 23 advertisement – 66 10 21

1966 09 01

House of Dolamore bought wine and spirit business of George Morley in Petty Cury and Guildhall Street some 80 years ago; now has new address in Wellington Street – 66 09 01 & 1a

1967

licence granted to supermarket to sell drinks, protests from LVA [11.3]

1967 03 08

Pelican, East Rd, closed [14.6]

1967 04 19

Greene King to transfer Cambridge depot from Panton Street to new premises Newmarket Road; stopped brewing in Cambridge in 1957 – 67 04 19

1968 03 26

Criterion pub, Market Passage to close – brewery cannot afford new rent asked by owners, the Edward Storey Trust – 68 03 26b

1968 12 06

Plough & Harrow Madingley Rd opened September, built with young in mind (trouble with disco noise 1976, taken over by Berni 1978) [14.2]

1969

House of Commons closed - uneconomic [11.12]

1969 02 24

James Ritchie, Cambridge's only head brewer at Star Brewery – profile – 69 02 24

1969 05 17

Baldry's move to new factory in Harvest Way from Gold St; started in 1923, first to use all-automatic crown cork sealed bottles; took over Cambridge Soda Works and in 1925 acquired important contract for mineral waters with a local brewery; began bottling cider in 1930 and in 1935 extended range to confectionary, cocktail sausages, pickles and groceries. Bought Sawston Aerated Water Company – 69 05 17a, b, c

1970 05 25

Wheatsheaf, Castle Hill demolished [13.3]

1970 05 06

Rhadegund, Cambridge's only lock-up pub, King St, closed [13.12]

1970 05 18

Free Press licensee Geoffrey Nichols there 43 years – memories – 70 05 18

1971 02 13

Golden Rose landlady retires, pub closes – memories – 71 02 13

1971 04 03

Jack Baldry, mineral water manufacturer – profile and history – 71 04 03

1971 05 28

Britannia, East Rd closes [12.11]

1971 09 24

Greene King draught beers withdrawn from 22 public houses brought by Whitbread from Dale's Brewery – 71 09 24

1971 10 06

Millers Wine Parlour frequented by dons, lawyers and businessmen who petition against closure – 71 10 06a

1971 11 13

Charles Perrin joined Bailey and Tebbutt brewery in Panton Street in 1920; has seen take-over by Greene King in 1925, closing of brewing in Cambridge and launch of new depot in Harvest Way – profile – 71 11 13

1971 03 06
Old English Gentleman closed - Kite [14.8]

1972
Millers Wine parlour closed (reopens as Shades 1974) [11.4]

1972 01 07
Star Brewery to cease brewing this year – illustrated feature – 72 01 07, a & b Star brewery closes, last of almost 20 formerly active [1.16]

1972 04 09
The last pint was pulled in the “George and Dragon” in Thompson’s Lane, Cambridge, last night. The pub, on the corner of Jesus Green by the river is to come down to make way for a modern pub-restaurant. Although the pub, more than 100 years old and owned by St John’s College was a Tolly House its successor, to be called The Dragonfly, will be a joint venture. Undergraduates and many University organisations have used the George and Dragon, once known as the Spade and Becket. The outgoing hosts, Jack and Wynn Asplin, take over the Great Northern Hotel by the Station Road roundabout CEN c 9.4.1972

1972 05 20
Kings arms opens King St, replaces old Royal Arms [14.17]

1972 07 11
Brewers Arms, Gwydir St closed [12.12]

1972 12 20
Alma Brewery, Russell St opens, new pub embracing former Alma pub [13.2]

1973 04 08
Mr Jack Baldry, chairman of Cambridge’s last remaining soft drinks factory died yesterday at the age of 71. He started as a mineral water manufacturer in the city 50 years ago. When the company was started it faced competition from 32 firms in the city. Initial output was 100 dozen bottles a day, but business increased and four years ago a new plant was built which enabled an output of 400 dozen bottles an hour on each of its two units c73 04 08

1973 09 04
Mitre remodelled [14.9]
Now 262 licensed premises

1973 10 06
Tolly, the East Anglia brewers may sell off their £1 million Star Brewery site in Newmarket Road, Cambridge within the next three years. The 4½ acre site includes the brewery buildings and the Burleigh Arms public house. The old Star Brewery stopped production last year and the buildings have been used as a storage depot. It is understood the directors have been considering various possibilities for the Newmarket Road site, which is bounded roughly by Auckland Road, Midsummer Common and Parsonage Street. One includes building luxury flats, a hotel and public house on the site. "There is no possibility of us leaving Cambridge. It is a very important place for us", said Tolly's managing director c73 10 06

1974
Red Cow rebuilt [4.5]

1974 02 01

Since the traditional bar in Alexandra Street was closed down for the Lion Yard development, the name of Henekeys has been missing from the city scene. The Henekey Tavern, which has just been completed under the former Dorothy Restaurant has brought it back in style. The Alexandra Bar keeps a link with the past and adjoining it is a farmhouse-style chop bar. In the contrasting Squires Bar a more substantial meal can be eaten in plush surroundings c74 02 01

1974 05 19

Residents of the north Arbury estate did not need a heat wave to remind them of their need for another pub and the opening of The Ship will meet with eager response. Campaigners for real ale will be pleased to find that Wells of Bedford are making this their fourth Cambridge pub, providing beer connoisseurs with their prize-winning bitter as well as a wide range of other beers, wines and spirits in spacious new premises c74 05 19

1974 05 21

Ship, Arbury, opens, name transferred from Coronation St pub which itself transferred from original Ship pub Quayside [13.7]

1975

Granta reopened after rebuilding [12.]

1975

Bath converted Beefeater steak house [12.14]

1975 05 01

The Campaign for Real Ale has bought a disused pub, the Salisbury Hotel in Cambridge for £22,000 – with the house next door thrown in. Secured at an auction it is their fourth public house acquisition in the country. The auctioneer described the price as very poor for such a commodious property. The licence was never rescinded or transferred and so is available for an application to the city licensing magistrates for renewal. At the same auction the King William IV pub at Histon was taken off the market at £17,500 c75 05 01

1975 06

Bun Shop, St Andrews Hill demolished [2.15]

1975 11 29

King William IV, Newmarket Rd closed, demolished for road widening [14.18]

1975 12 13

Red Cow reopens, was closed last year during Lion Yard redevelopment [13.13]

1975 12 19

Pike & Eel transformed [14.4]

1976 11 09

Spade & Becket opens, Thompson's Lane (formerly George & Dragon, residents had fought plans to rebuild as pub restaurant [12.2])

1976 04 09

Elm Tree fire, publican dies [12.5]

1976 04 30

Panton Arms refurbished in old Panton Brewery demolished 10 years ago s [14.7]

1976 06 15

The first 1000 pints were on the house as friends of traditional British draught beer packed the Salisbury Arms, Tenison Road, Cambridge for its reopening under the ownership of CAMRA Investments Ltd. The pub was bought from Whitbread last year for £22,000 and has been renovated from top to bottom. It is their first pub in East Anglia c76 06 15 had closed 1973; celebrates centenary 1986 [13.8]

1977 06 14

One of Cambridge's best-known characters, Trevor Hughes, clocked up his 100th recorded conviction at the city magistrates' court when he admitted being drunk and disorderly in the Market Square. As he came into court, Mr Hughes, looking thinner and without his famous bobble hat or bushy beard said: "Good afternoon everybody". In court he said: "I won't deny it, but I can't remember. I like a little drop of tiddly, but I'm not abusive. But people say: 'look at that dirty old so and so', and I lose my temper". He was sent to prison for a month. c77 06 14

1978

Christ's college granted full beer licence for its college bar; previously they had operated under Vice Chancellor's wine licence which felt not to cover beer or spirits, licensing means have to follow normal pub closing times which students oppose. Emmanuel college advised that Vice Chancellor's licence does cover them [11.7]

1978

"Wine bars will make city pubs redundant" fear [11.8]

1978 02 20

The battle for the Free Press has been won and this celebrated Kite survivor was officially reopened in all its renovated glory. It is a small street corner public house, originally on the end of a terrace of cottages. In 1964 it was purchased by Cambridge City Council as part of a clearance area and the cottages were demolished. But the pub was leased back to Greene King so it could continue to trade until required for demolition. The challenge has been to preserve and enhance the original character, retaining all the interesting features while enlarging the premises. It was reopened by Miss Brenda Nichols whose family ran the pub for 48 years. c78 02 20 [12.3]

1978 05 06

Cambridge Magistrates may have acted outside their powers in seeking to license college bars. Cambridge colleges have operated student bars in the past, arguing that the Vice Chancellor has the right to issue licences within the university to authorise the sale of all alcoholic liquors, including wine. But while the right to authorise wine-selling has not been challenged, the sale of beer has come under official scrutiny. At King's College students fear the grant of a licence would affect many social events; it would become a criminal offence for a student to be drunk at his college bar and the police would have the right to enter without warrant or invitation. c78 05 06

1979 10 31

Pickerel alterations [14.5]

1980 04 10

Major alterations have been made to the Cambridge Arms in King Street ensuring the conservation of the old Cambridge Brewery building which has stood semi-derelict since brewing ceased in 1925. It was established by George Scales in 1866 and then supplied 13 public houses. The new Scales Bar extends beneath the old brewing floor and features brick arches which supports the heavy coppers and chimney on the upper level. Various items of brewing equipment that were removed for safe keeping have now been returned and are displayed. 80 04 10 [12.9]

1980 11 05

Rose & Crown, Northampton St reopened [13.9]

1980 12 20

One of the oldest pubs in Cambridge, the Rose in Rose Crescent, may soon be just a memory. The brewery, Whitbread, is to sell the premises and it is likely to be converted into student accommodation. Landlord Alf Barnett said it was a place where a man in gumboots and work clothes could stand alongside a businessman with brolly and bowler hat and get along together. Sons of the gentry, over late-night cups of coffee, would ask to borrow the phone to ring 'Mum' and he used to vet their girlfriends. 80 12 20

1981

Old Spring pub reopens [11.10]

1981 01 20

Cambridge's newest pub, The Lord Byron is part of a facelift at Cambridge railway station. It has been created in space that was once part of the cab entrance beneath its distinctive colonnade. The original bar faced the platform and could only be reached by buying a platform ticket, the new one can only be entered from the street. Already regulars have formed darts and crib teams and draught ale should be on sale from next week. 81 01 20a [14.15]

1981 04 29

Rose, Rose Crescent (ancient site) closes, converted to accommodation, shops & wine bar [13.10]

1981 05 27

Milton Arms refurbished, including restaurants [14.11]

1981 09 08

Amid much music and good cheer, the Ancient Druids closed – the last of nine pubs in Fitzroy Street. Soon the 200-year-old rafters will collapse under the developer's sledge-hammers to make way for the multi-million pound Kite shopping development. But last night they rang to the rollicking rhythm of Irish ceilidh music from Ted Stacey's melodeon, accompanied by guitars, penny whistles, banjo and drums. The wake ended when it ran out of beer. The brewers, Charles Wells, are building another when the development is completed. 81 09 08 [12.6]

1982 02 13

Baldry's soft drinks firm has shut down. It was founded by Jack Baldry in 1928 in the face of stiff competition from 32 other soft drinks firms in Cambridge. They moved to Sawston from premises in Harvest Way in 1979 because it needed more storage space. Two firms are interested in buying the assets and maintaining the Baldry name. 82 02 13

1982 05 06

The Travellers Rest, the 100th Beefeater Steak House, has opened at Girton. Weathered bricks and dark wood have come from an old mill in Lancashire to give the former Whitbread pub a warmth and intimacy. Hundreds of plants with an unusual water feature add both colour and life but the overriding ingredient for success is value for money with no extra costs hidden within the menu. 82 05 06

1982 07 20

The Alma Brewery in Russell Court is reopening as a free house under the control of CAMRA. The pub, which dates back to 1835, was one of the first buildings to be erected in the former Balls Folly Field. It took its name from the Battle of the Alma in the Crimean War. Brewing stopped in 1909 but it continued to be run as a pub until it closed in March. 82 07 20a [13.2]

1983

Racehorse, Newmarket Rd reopens as Hoofers - young persons pub with flashing lights, music etc [11.14]

1983 02 11

Weathervane refitted, becomes Master Mariner [14.13]

1983 06 16

British Queen reopens as Bumpers, fun pub (closed for lack of custom 1984 & reopens with nautical flavour 1986) [12.10]

1983 12 08

Beer at 1930s prices attracted drinkers when the Burleigh Arms, Newmarket Road, re-opened. It had been closed for six months while the front wall was rebuilt and the two bars redecorated. It now has a 1930s theme deliberately chosen in an attempt to go up-market and attract shoppers from the new Grafton Centre. The Zebra and the Bird in Hand have also been revamped. The sparkling image of the roaring twenties has been revived in the evocative décor of a Cambridge public house which has just reopened after a complete face-lift. The Burleigh Arms in Newmarket Road is making a complete break with its history with no pains spared to develop surroundings which are unique to the Cambridge area. Music from the past will form part of the repertoire of a pianist performing four nights a week. Its profusion of potted plants gives a further touch of atmosphere 83 12 08 p6 83 12 12

1983 12 29

Britain has about 75,000 pubs but experts say the number will have dropped by 10,000 by the end of the century. Six Cambridge pubs have closed in the last ten years and most were knocked down and redeveloped. The Rose in Rose Crescent is the only one still standing with its basement now housing Flambards wine bar. The Bun Shop went after years spent in splendid isolation as the Lion Yard was built, The King William IV in Newmarket was flattened as was the Prince Albert in Chesterton. The Ancient Druids and Old English Gentleman were demolished as part of the Kite clearance. 83 12 29 p12

1984 05 06

Pinks Wine bar opens in old Rhadegund premises; closes again 1984 08 15 [13.12]

1984 06 21

A Victorian atmosphere will be the theme for the Dobblers Inn, Sturton Street, the former City Arms. Older residents can just remember a colourful and eccentric character called Dobbler, who kept a large yard renowned for the unusual items which could be obtained there. Now a whole range of bric-a-brac from stone jars to old prints and plants will enhance the period flavour 84 06 21 p18 [12.6]

1984 07 13

The Rock in Cherry Hinton Road has been shaken to its foundations and put back together as a bright inviting pub offering real ale, good food and music. The bars have been reconstructed and the snug has made way for spacious through bars with split level floors and a swirling glass faceted container which sends rainbow beams over customers. Saturday night sing-alongs to suit all age groups will return and modern jazz may be featured. The new kitchens will offer dishes like chilli con carne and spare ribs 84 07 13 [13.11]

1984 09 27

A bar 'unique to Cambridge' is the claim made for J. Millars on Newnham Road. It is not a wine bar or a cocktail bar. When the Chinese beer ran out they tracked down an alternative in Brighton. Apart from tsing tsio they have beers from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Holland and claim to offer the widest range of import beers, liquors and spirits outside London. They offer all-day faculties for business conferences and hold wedding receptions 84 09 27

1984 11 30

The Champion of the Thames pub in King Street has just been completely refurbished with an Edwardian atmosphere featuring reinstated oak panelling matched up with new boarding bars, ceilings and floors. The familiar 'Champion' emblem of a sculler has been superbly etched on the new glass but the Landlord would like to know something more about him so that he can add to a selection of old rowing and sculling prints which now adorn the walls. He thinks the name may have come from either a lodger or resident who was a Thames sculling champion. 84 11 30c

1984 12 08

The very new Ancient Druids pub has opened its doors for the first time – but not without a slight delay. The pub brews their own ale on the premises but when Cambridge's mayor pulled the pump for the first pint all he got was an eggful of the new Charles Wells brew, Kite Bitter, and a lot of home-brewed air. However, after a rapid change of pump, a glass was drawn to be sampled by Ale Conner Alfie Howard from Lambeth, who revives the centuries-old tradition of testing the beer before a pub can start serving. Dressed in his 17th-century costume he passed it as fit and hoisted aloft an ale garland signifying the new brew was ready for drinking. The old Ancient Druids, remembered as an old-fashioned boozer with its own particular charm, was one of nine to go under the developers' bulldozer. 84 12 08

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1985 07 23

The Little Rose in Trumpington Street, believed to be one of the oldest pubs in Cambridge dating back to 14th century has been totally refurbished. The Brewhouse has been converted into an open-sided loggia with climbing roses and the oldest room has an inglenook fireplace with nooks and crannies giving a convivial atmosphere. Worthington best bitter and Charrington IPA will be served together with a range of pub grub including jacket potatoes and a choice of cheeses 85 07 23 [14.6]

1986 09 08

The Ancient Druids closed down amid much music and good cheer at a wake featuring Irish ceilidh music from Tom Stacey's melodeon. Soon the 200-year-old rafters will collapse under the developers' sledge-hammers to make way for the Kite shopping development. It is the last of the nine pubs in Fitzroy Street – the others were the Cherry Tree, Danish Flag, Fitzroy Arms, Duke of Wellington, Harp, Queen's Arms, Golden Cross and Old English Gentleman. The brewers, Charles Wells, are building a new pub when the development is complete. 86 09 08

1986 12 13

In most pubs the air is thick with cigarette fumes but now sections of the Free Press and Cambridge Blue have been turned into non-smoking zones at lunchtimes. Some drinkers approve as it makes the atmosphere much nicer. One Cambridge music lecturer said: "I don't approve of smoking. I think it should be banned. It's much more serious than taking drugs." Breweries are also waking up to the idea that clean air is important with improved air conditioning and smoking bans in food areas. It's not very common at present but may become so in the medium term. 86 12 13a

1987 05 08

The Little Rose in Trumpington Street, a 17th-century listed building, may be converted into a restaurant by its owners, Peterhouse. The Campaign for Real Ale say it is extremely popular and one of the few Bass Charrington pubs in the area. The brewery is disappointed. It is one of the oldest licensed premises in Cambridge and they thought there was a strong case for retaining it, extending the eating facilities in line with demand 87 05 08

1987 07 15

The historic Eagle Inn, one of the oldest pubs in Cambridge which became a meeting place for the American forces during the Second World War is to close for two years. Corpus Christi College, the owners, are refurbishing adjacent buildings and hope to concentrate student accommodation in the area. They say the site would be too dangerous and dirty to allow it to stay open. Greene King, the brewers, are appalled by the news but the pub, with its famous gallery, will certainly not be closed permanently. 87 07 15

1987 11 17

One of Cambridge's most picturesque pubs, the Fort St George, has been completely renovated and revitalised. But it has not lost its charm now the old photographs and oars have been rehung and the old hearth is lit by a roaring fire on cold evenings. Until the 1830s it was surrounded by water with the river on one side and a toll house on the other. Now it is encircled by bicycle trails and there is parking for motorists just across the footbridge. 87 11 17

1987 12 02

Eagle planned renovation delays φCEN 2.12.87

1987 12 16

The Sir Isaac Newton, once a tiny street corner pub in Castle Street, has undergone a complete transformation by Greene King. Only the façade of the building remains the same as it is listed. The pub, which fronts the new Castle Park Research & Redevelopment Village, is now three times its original size with a futuristic Perspex sculpture reflecting the life of the famous scientist. Its impressive transformation incorporates one continuous bar with cleverly designed seating areas to retain the cosy, intimate nature of the original. 87 12 16a

1988 01 10

De Vere buy University Arms φCEN 10.1.89

1988 04 18

Regulars at the Free Press in Prospect Row are toasting success after it was named one of Britain's 100 classic pubs in the new CAMRA guide. The little pub, packed with settles, panelled walls and memorabilia was first licensed in 1834 when a home brewer named Sarah Horne turned her cottages into a commercial establishment. It takes its name from a local temperance paper named the Free Press which railed unsuccessfully against the evils of alcohol. The bar carries a notice warning of the 'degradation of drunkenness' but is a jolly, uninhibited place, the haunt of students, cricket and rowing enthusiasts. 88 04 18a

1988 05 19

The Merton Arms pub in Northampton Street, which belongs to St John's College, will closed at the end of September. It is one of the few pubs in the city centre which provide bed and breakfast. Now it may be converted into student accommodation 88 05 19

1988 05 23

Dobblers Inn in Sturton Street used to be called the City Arms but was renamed after a rag-and-bone man who lived nearby. It has a varied collection of old pictures and a fascinating assortment of bric-a-brac quite in keeping with his interest in junk and knick-knacks. It is a traditional pub but has an entertainment time on Friday evenings with everything from a magician to a piano player. It sells Steam Beer, a very strong brew from Newcastle, and wines by the glass 88 05 23

1988 06 07

The Little Rose in Trumpington Street, until recently one of Cambridge's oldest pubs, has reopened as a restaurant. The building dates back to the 14th century and boasts rare examples of domestic Tudor architecture. Now the interior has been refurbished and many of the old timbers are exposed for the first time. A cocktail bar has been installed and a spacious new conservatory added. 88 06 07a

1988 09 23

The Merton Arms in Northampton Street is closing because the owners, St John's College, has not released the lease held by Greene King. 88 09 23a

1988 12 15

The former Tivoli cinema building which opened on Chesterton Road in 1925 has been converted into 'The Exchange' with two large cocktail bars and a 120-seater restaurant. Later will come a basement gym, a punt landing stage and a roof garden restaurant with panoramic views over Jesus Green. Entertainment facilities include a huge electronic roll-down screen, the latest audio equipment and closed circuit television relaying film of the dance hall, But great care has been taken to preserve the distinctive atmosphere with plaster ceiling mouldings and a combination of rich dark and red wood 88 12 15a

1988 12 19

Mill pub refurbished & renamed Tap & Spile CEN 19.12.89

1989 08 18

The Rock pub has changed a lot since it opened in 1923. Now its biggest transformation brings an almost nightclub type of appeal. In the public bar a pool table has been removed but there is an area for dart playing. A discmonitor (compact disc jukebox) has been installed together with a new stage, enhancing its reputation for live music three nights a week. This is usually rhythm and blues though Thursdays are free for local bands and other types of music. 89 08 18

1992

Eagle pub reopened after four-year shutdown [Rev]